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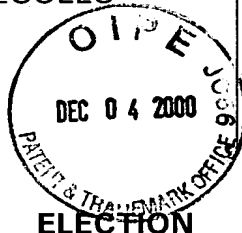
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For: A COMBINATORIAL PROTECTING
GROUP STRATEGY FOR
MULTIFUNCTIONAL MOLECULES

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement, mailed September 5, 2000, applicant elects, with traverse, Group I, claims 1, 3, 4 and 11-16, directed to a process of generating a combinatorial set of core molecules of core structure M and a combinatorial set of compounds with core structure M. Applicant further elects, with traverse, the species where the low molecular weight compound is a nucleoside (claim 4), the reactive moiety is a phosphate group (claim 11), and the linkage is a trityl ether (claim 16). Claims 1, 3, 4 and 11-16 read on the elected species.

REMARKS

A check for a two month extension of time (\$195 - small entity) accompanies this response. Status as a Small Entity reducing fees to one-half is hereby claimed in this application. Any fees that may be due in connection with this application may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1213. If a Petition for extension of time is needed, this paper is to be considered such Petition.

Claims 1-36 are presently pending in this application.